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Please make sure to check our school-wide Dojo, your child's class Dojo, and our school website to stay informed about events that are happening at Fair Garden. Please join our electronic platform: Fair Garden's Twitter: https://twitter.com/fair\_garden\_Thank you. ③





11/4- PTA Kick-Off Party (4:00-6:30) Outside at Fair Garden (Playground and Arrival Car rider Loop) 11/6-Daylight Savings Time (Turn clocks back 1 hour) 11/8- Fair Garden's CRRAFT Parent Orientation (In the gym at 6:15-7:15) 11/11- Veterans Day Celebration (Parents-Please post pictures on ClassDojo to salute a veteran in your family.) 11/18- Parents As Teachers (Presenting to Fair Garden parents virtually- Topic: Academics/6:00-7:00) 11/24-11/26- Thanksgiving Holidays (No School) 12/6- KCS FAC Meeting for Fair Garden's Parent Representative (5:30-6:45 pm) 12/10- Fair Garden Winterfest (9:00) 12/17- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Day For Students (11:15 dismissal)/End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks 12/20- 1/3- Winter Holidays (No School) 1/4- Students return from Winter Holidays 1/5- Mid-Year PK Assessments Begin



## A Note From Our Social Worker

#### <u>Safety</u>

You've spent years teaching your children how to be safe. By using the *Talking About Touching* curriculum, I'm just emphasizing what you've already taught them. When children hear **ALL** the *adults* in their lives reinforcing the same rules and teaching the same responses, they gain a sense of well-being and security from it. Here are the lessons we are covering in the first 4 lessons of our *Talk About Touching* curriculum:

**Car Safety:** We spent time talking about how important it is to always be in a car seat, booster seat, or seatbelt, depending upon age or size. The American Academy of Pediatrics has published an updated policy statement on childhood passenger safety:

All infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car safety seat (CSS) as long as possible, until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by their CSS's manufacturer. Most convertible seats have limits that will permit children to ride rear-facing for 2 years or more.

All children who have outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit for their CSS should use a forward-facing CSS with a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest weight or height allowed by their CSS's manufacturer.

All children whose weight or height is above the forward-facing limit for their CSS should use a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle lap and shoulder seat belt fits properly, typically when they have reached 4 ft 9 inches in height and are between 8 and 12 years of age.

When children are old enough and large enough to use the vehicle seat belt alone, they should always use lap and shoulder seat belts for optimal protection.

All children younger than 13 years should be restrained in the rear seats of vehicles for optimal protection.

<u>**Traffic Safety</u>**: In Our traffic safety lesson, children are reminded to look in <u>**ALL**</u> directions before crossing the street; hold an adult's hand, and listen for sounds that indicate danger.</u>

**Fire Safety**: Ask your child what he/she learned about fire safety. Ask what she/he would do if another child wanted to play with a lighter or matches. The response children learn in class is to say "No" and then tell you about it.

<u>**Gun Safety</u>**: Our students are reassured that most guns are locked up safely. However, if they were to find a gun, they are not to touch it but to find a grown up and tell them where it is so that it can be put up safely.</u>

Be sure to congratulate your child on practicing these safety rules. They are being encouraged to follow your safety rules, and to assertively say

"No, that's not safe" if another child encourages them to do something that could cause them harm.

Ms. Deanna Gnage (Social Worker)



# Positive Quote(s):



Message From The Principal





Please remember attendance is expected every day your child isn't ill with a fever, diarrhea, vomiting, Covid-19, or isolation/quarantine requirement. Attendance daily at Fair Garden is the key to each of our students' academic and behavioral success.

We have several family engagement opportunities in November scheduled. Please know your attendance is appreciated and expected according to the Title 1 Parent-School Compact agreement that each parent signed. These activities being provided are activities you stated you would like to have, on your beginning of the year parent feedback survey. Thank you for being active and taking an active vital part in your child's education. We APPRECIATE each of you for your involvement.

We want to continuously work together, as a school family to promote success at Fair Garden. Thank you for making sure your child comes to school EVERY day ready to learn. Thank you for lighting a path for GREATNESS. "Together we can make a difference."

Thank you, Mrs. Spikes Fair Garden Principal



# October Teacher and Students Of The Month

Let's Celebrate and Recognize What's Happening At Fair Garden!

Teacher of the Month-Rebecca Hickey



Students of the Month



## Winning Attendance Class For The First Nine Weeks



Celebrating With Families At STEM Night



# En-lightening News with Nurse Amanda





### **Clinic Reminders:**

• Please DO NOT send medication to school in student backpacks. ALL medication requires a doctor's order and must be checked in at the front office. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

This month students learned about dental health including brushing teeth, eating healthy foods, and visiting the dentist. Visit <u>Oral</u> <u>Health | Sesame Street in Communities - Sesame Street in Communities</u> for more information and fun activates to encourage your child in healthy habits!

#### Ten Tips for a Healthy, Happy Smile

- Brush at least twice a day—after breakfast and before bed.
- Take turns! Preschoolers are still developing the muscles and skills to brush on their own. Help kids brush. Then, ask them to take the lead and imitate your actions.
- Brush in tiny, gentle circles. Make sure to get the front, back, top, and bottom.
- Make it fun! Kids should brush for about two minutes. Sing the alphabet song to keep track of time.
- Fill kids' diets with "anytime foods." These include fresh fruits and vegetables and low-fat cheese.
- Drink water; it's good for teeth and bodies!
- Brush or rinse after a snack, and space meals and snacks to give kids' mouths a chance to wash away food.
- Visit the dentist twice a year.
- Ask the doctor or nurse to look at kids' teeth and gums at their next visit.
- Let kids see you take care of your own teeth by modeling good brushing and eating habits.





A Message From the Fair Garden Community PTA:

We are SO excited to finally get the first-ever Fair Garden PTA up and running! It is such a big process, and we are proud to do this work to make our school an even more united and supportive place for our teachers and students.

Please plan on attending our Kick-Off Party on Thursday 11/4 from 4:00-6:30pm in the Fair Garden parking lot! This will be your time to sign up to be a member and make this PTA bigger and better. Heaven Sent Soul Food Truck will be there with hot dogs (\$2), chili dogs (\$2.25), fries (\$2), chips, drinks, and cupcakes (\$1) and combos (\$4) -- so don't cook dinner! Come out, support the PTA and meet other Fair Garden families!

Memberships are \$10/person, and anyone can join -- this is a Community PTA, so please ask your friends, family members, neighbors, church family and more to join! We will give a pizza party to the Room with the most members after our Kick-Off Party! Once we have our list of official PTA members, PTA officers (Allison Comer, PJ Hoskins and Taurika Chennault) will send out an invitation for our first group meeting where we can get together and dream of all the ways we want to support Fair Garden this year!

We know that we are stronger together, and we cannot wait to be the great support system for our school that it needs!

Sincerely, Allison Comer, Fair Garden Community PTA

